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President's Message



Department President
Victoria Ornelas
Unit 55, District 1

We had a super fun learning experience at Fall Conference. It was a plus having National President Kathy Daudistel visit during this special event. A fun time was the atmosphere for the evening event with dessert bar, silent basket auction, and the vendor and craft sales.

I am sorry to report there will be no VA Christmas Gift Shops this year; however, cards and notes are always welcome.

National President Kathy reminded us we are all caregivers without realizing it. She impressed us with the fact we always seem to go out of our way to care for others – and not just the veterans. We assist anyone needing help.

I hope everyone enjoyed seeing our American Legion Auxiliary Women Veterans join us during the parade. It was an honor to salute them.

Thank you for making Fall Conference successful by your support. I know my homecoming was different from normal, but I hope everyone enjoyed it. I thank you again for your support and friendship.

A reminder that renewing your American Legion Auxiliary membership means no one is forgotten. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! We are all members of the ALA because of a veteran in our life. Everything we do is in honor of their service.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!
SEE YOU ALL SOON!

MEMBERSHIP

God Bless Our  Women Veterans



American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of MO

Louise S. Welch and Marybeth Roehr, Co-Chairs

Our Membership Year has gotten off to a good start. As of October 27th we have 51.43%. Good job, everyone!!!!

We were privileged to have as our Fall Conference guest National President Kathy from Kentucky to watch our Membership Parade. The parade was beautiful with our Female Legionnaire Members marching with our Membership and Division Chairmen. A special thanks goes to each one of them for

participating.

We had two first-place winners for the Department's first scheduled 2021-2022 Membership Unit Award; they are both from the Southwest Division. Each Unit received a Certification of Appreciation and \$5.00 cash for reaching 100% membership for the "Gray Wings Award." CONGRATULATIONS to District 7, Unit 520 and District 15 Unit 65. WAY TO GO!!! There were no winners for the second Unit Award, the Blue Ship Award. At this writing, winners for the third Award, the "Red and Gold Award," on November 10, 2021, and the fourth Award, the "Sea Award," on December 7, 2021, have not been drawn. There are Units who need only one or two members to reach goal. Go get them. They are out there.

When you are signing up new members, make sure you are using the correct membership form. It is a little different for eligibility than the old one. When paying dues online, please be sure to follow instructions: **Unit members must pay their individual membership dues to the Unit and NOT the "Make A Payment Online" option. If you want to pay your individual dues online, you must go through the National website. If you are interested in learning more about the Missouri "Make A Payment Online" option, please contact the Department Office.**

The ALA will continue to work for our veterans, the military, and their families. Let's get the ships and planes going. We have work to do.



American Legion Auxiliary
District 5

What: Luncheon Honoring Victoria Ornelas
Department of Missouri President

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2022.....11:30 am

Where: DAV Building
14605 US-40 Highway
Independence, Missouri

Menu: Ham Green Beans Ice Tea
Au Gratin Potatoes Cake & Ice Cream Coffee

Cost: \$12.00 (Checks made payable to ALA Dist. 5)

Reservations: DEADLINE: May 11, 2022

Send to: Helen Hatz
812 Pennsylvania Lane
K.C., MO. 64114
816-806-5358

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



National President Visits Missouri



Kathy Daudistel
National President

National President Kathy Daudistel from the Department of Kentucky visited during Fall Conference. Members had the

opportunity to visit with President Kathy Saturday evening with several activities available.

A formal receiving line was the first event to meet this friendly and gracious guest. This included a dessert bar, which was different and enjoyed. There was also a craft fair with exciting vendors, and a silent auction was intriguing. There was ample time to visit with our guest.

A special focus was supporting the AEF program. Members donated lightweight jackets for children and adults who were victims of Hurricane Ida in LA.

The evening was very enjoyable with fun for everyone.



The Spirit of Christmas

Secretary's Corner

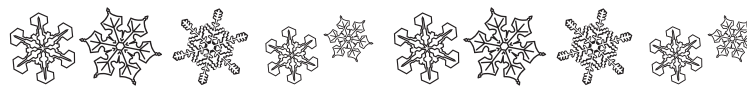
Nancy Reeves,
Department Secretary

Hello from Department Office! Debbie and I are working hard and trying to stay warm.

Membership is coming strong, and Debbie is busy working to get it processed each day. Membership report is sent every other Wednesday. If you are not receiving it and would like to receive it, please call the office or email us so you can be added to the mailing list. If you want to view it online, let us know so we can take your name off the mailing list.

Please **DO NOT** pay your individual dues on the Department website using Make a Payment link. The Make a Payment link is for units to pay the Unit dues and for members and others to make payment for other expenses. If you want to pay your dues with credit card, please use National website at www.alaforveterans.org. Autobooks has turned out to be a great partnership, and several of the units are utilizing it. Contact the Department Office for more information.

The Department office will be closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. Christmas holidays will be December 24-31, returning to work on January 3. Debbie and I wish each and everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
HOUSING REQUEST
July 13-17, 2022

"July 13 check in is for those who wish to play in the PPC Golf tournament"

HOUSING/HOSPITALITY/CAUCUS ROOM & VENDOR TABLE REQUEST

Hilton St. Louis Airport
10330 Natural Bridge Road
Saint Louis, MO 63134-3303
Phone: 314-426-5500 Group: American Legion
Online Reservations can be made to the link on the Department website

Make reservations directly with the hotel, using a credit card for confirmation be sure to mention you are with The American Legion.

CUTOFF DATE FOR ALL HOUSING RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 22, 2022
(The group room rates are not guaranteed after the cutoff date)

Cost per night is \$90.00 (plus Sales and Lodging tax)

Check in time 3:00 p.m. No exceptions

HOSPITALITY ROOM

We will have two large, shared Hospitality Room for Candidates Only
Please call Department Adjutant for details

DISTRICT CAUCUS ROOMS

Will be assigned by Department Adjutant at Convention

Table Request for Vendors, Post and Auxiliary

All table requests will be reserved through Department Headquarters.
Please call Theresa Boss to make your request 573-761-4143
Vendor Tables are limited.
Deadline for table request: ***June 17, 2022***



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri 2022 Raffle Fundraiser

The proceeds from this raffle will go toward Department President's Project, which is the department office.

Over 80 CHANCES TO WIN WITH EACH TICKET PURCHASE

DRAWINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

Department Headquarters
600 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Official Rules

- All winners will be paid monthly. Checks will be mailed.
- All winning tickets will be returned to the container for the remaining time of the raffle.
- The raffle will run January 1, 2022, till June 30, 2022.
- Each form must be filled out and returned with \$10 per ticket.
- Each ticket must be returned to American Legion Auxiliary, 600 Ellis Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65101.
- It is the responsibility of the purchaser to notify the Department office of any address change. Returned checks will not be forwarded.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

- 26 SUNDAYS @ \$20 each
- 26 SATURDAYS @ \$15.00 each
- 26 WEDNESDAYS @ \$15.00 each
- New Year's Day (Jan 1, 2022).....\$100
- American Legion Birthday (March 15).....\$100
- Mother's Day (May 8, 2022).....\$100
- Flag Day (June 14, 2022).....\$100
- Father's Day (June 19, 2022).....\$100

Return the portion with check made payable to ALA Department of Missouri

2022 Department Raffle Fundraiser



Mail ticket and check to:
American Legion Auxiliary
600 Ellis Blvd
Jefferson City, MO 65101

If this ticket is a winner make check payable to:
Please print clearly

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

MOVED?

New address _____

Please forward to:
**ALA Department Office, 600 Ellis Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2204**

HISTORY

Shanna Jelinek, Department Historian

History was one of my favorite subjects in school and is still my favorite one to teach. It is important that we keep an accurate account of our history to pass along to our future generations. They can use history to reflect on the past, to continue things that went well, and change the things that didn't work.

The history of the American Legion Auxiliary began in November 1919 and continues with us today. Our history, like any other history, is more than names and dates. It is about our membership and how it developed the ALA's programs and projects to fulfill our mission of serving veterans, service members, and their families, who sacrifice so much for this country.

A written history can tell so much. When an organization's history is told through the eyes of its membership, everyone learns a great deal more about who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

The heart of any organization's history is in its records, items that office rulers, members, directors, staff, and volunteers have produced and compiled over the years. They provide unique testimony to the

achievements of an organization.

Records also contribute in other ways:

- Members are able to look back and learn what efforts were successful, or unsuccessful, and why.

- Exhibiting materials stimulates enthusiasm and encourages members to maintain the organization's standards and promote its future.

- Maintaining and preserving our records are invaluable to society by serving as informative and educational resources to a variety of potential users.

A major change this year is no request for a mid-year report. Instead, districts and units are required to share the story and photos of their events as they happen. When details are fresh in our minds, it is much easier to present a clear picture of the event.

There will be a Unit and District history book competition at convention. Each District received the rules. They are also printed in the Legionette. If you are submitting a book for competition, you MUST follow these rules.

Girls State

Macae Mickens, Director

As presented at the ALA Department Convention in July, the ALA MGS program encountered many challenges in carrying out the 2021 session. It is important that our program remains as transparent as possible in the costs and planning associated with providing this premier experience for the youth of our state.

After final expenses for the 2021 session were paid, expenses were calculated to determine the cost per delegate in attendance for the session. This includes payment made to the university of Central Missouri for room, board and meals, supplemental expenses to the university such as additional staff meals prior to citizen arrival, as well as the Inaugural banquet, staff attendance cost including rate for staying at UCM, stipend, and background check costs, office expenses, program expenses, plus the annual payment to the ALA Department Office for financial and application work completed for the session. The total rate for these expenses per each of the 465 citizens was calculated to total \$337.66. Remember our current sponsorship cost paid by schools and ALA units per citizen is \$300, leaving the program to pay additional costs of over \$35 per person. This calculation does not include expenses related to furnishing the campaign store, purchasing snacks and apparel for the ALA MGS Shoppe, Activity Director supplies, attending recruitment opportunities at High School Counselors Conferences, attending National ALA Girls State Leadership Conference, and paying the ALA Girls Nation fee. We feel that these rising costs are a valuable reason to propose a fee increase at the ALA Department Convention in July 2022.

When looking at the cost per delegate expenses, it is clear to the ALA MGS committee that we must continue to evaluate the best opportunities for the future of our program. We have continued to partner with the University of Central Missouri as our host institution, but due to budget constraints and staffing issues, our program has started to see a decline in the services the university is providing the ALA MGS program.

Another area of focus for leadership of ALA Missouri Girls State is our continued partnership with The American Legion Boys State program. We continue to evaluate and explore intersections between the TAL MBS and ALA MGS programs to further the mission of both programs and remain the premier civic education and leadership training program in the United States.

Cost, facilities, and partnership have remained a large priority in our further examination of what the 80th session of ALA MGS will look like in June 2022. Because of these decisions, we are unable to provide a finalized session date at this time. We would hope that your ALA units would be able to recruit and provide information on our program occurring during the week of June 12-19 or June 19-25, 2022. We are working to provide you a finalized date as soon as possible, but expect to publicize it during January 2022.

Reminders for our application process.

The ALA MGS Committee will NOT be handing out or mailing Unit Packets again this year. A copy of the packet will be emailed to all District Presidents and District Girls State Chairs on November 1. All of the District Chairs were emailed on Thursday evening. If you did not receive this, please email director@missourigirlsstate.org. All units can access this packet on our website, www.missourigirlsstate.org on November 1. We are following the same online process. In case you aren't familiar, a female junior who wishes to attend ALA Missouri Girls State will need to enter her information by completing our online application process. Then she will print her completed application, sign it, and return it to the ALA unit or school. The deadline will once again be March 1, 2022, and the fee will remain at \$300 per delegate for the 2022 session. Please read all outlined deadlines in the application material on November 1 and reach out to us with any questions. Each Unit is permitted to send 10 delegates with the possibility of sending additional if vacancies exist.

The ALA MGS Committee has appointed a staff member to serve as a School Recruitment Coordinator to guide school counselors selecting delegates to attend ALA MGS 2022. The Director has provided information to the District Chairs about this process. This position is not replacing the unit's role communicating with area high

schools but providing another opportunity to help connect school representatives with ALA units or sponsorship assistance. ALA units will continue to direct their questions to Mrs. Linda Schaap, ALA MGS dean of admissions.

District Presidents will receive two copies of a cost breakdown graph for 2021 and an introductory letter included in the 2022 application materials.

A motion was made and passed at the Executive Board Meeting to approve and ratify the following Staff Members for Missouri Girls State:

- Linda Schaap, Dean of Admissions.
- Maya Buckner, Dean of Counselors.
- Catherine Auffeert, Office Manager.
- Tina Anderson and Shanna Jelinek, Deans of Operations.
- Whitney Nolan, Events Coordinator.
- Kelsey Whitt, Education Liaison.

Mount Vernon VA Home

Janyce Musgrove, Rep

Mount Vernon Veterans Nursing Home is still under lockdown. We will not be able to sponsor the usual Christmas Gift Shop on-site in December.

Since we do not want to forget the veterans at Christmas, I will host a work day on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the American Legion Post 91 in Monett from noon to 3:00 p.m.

We are going to stuff a \$10 Walmart gift card in 400 Christmas cards. The veterans can give their loved ones a Christmas gift. Please come and join us for the "Stuffing Party."

Mexico VA Home

Victoria Ornelas, Rep

Mexico VA Representative Victoria Ornelas announced that this facility will NOT host the usual Christmas Gift Shop due to the current situation.

County Government

Joan Vanfossan, Chairman

What can a County Government Day do to benefit your community? Why do today's students need to understand local government? Can our units or districts justify the effort to produce a County Government Day for our youth?

Maybe a better question is this - how can we show the next generation respect for government and public service?

Now, possibly more than ever, our youth need to see how local government works for them, how public service benefits all citizens, and how all of us need to work together to build a better future for everyone.

A County Government Day is not the answer to all needs, but it could be a small step forward in fostering Americanism, patriotism and respect for community service in tomorrow's leaders. This is a very worthwhile program. We work hard together as an organization to honor those who have served our nation in the past. It is just as important to look to the future to ensure we have passed on to our future citizens the values and ideals we hold dear and that the veterans we serve have fought and died to protect.

I encourage all of you to consider working with county and school officials to bring a County Government event to the students in your community. If you need guidance to get the project underway, please contact me. I will send information to your unit or district.

Joan Vanfossan, County Government Chair, sparrow@grm.net (home: 660-652-3787) (cell: 816-914-1448)

If your unit is already hosting a County Government Day, thank you! It won't solve every problem, but it might make a difference in the way our youth sees the future.

Unit - District Historian Contest and Scoring

2021-2022

Shanna Jelinek
Department Historian

Score

I. Introduction, Inclusions (10 scoring points) _____ points

- Title page
 - Unit name and number/District number
 - Year of History
 - Name of Historian
- Forward or dedication
- A Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- First verse of the "Star-Spangled Banner"
- Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

All items in this section may be single-spaced and are to be centered on the page. No pictures in this section.

II. Unit/District Information (10 scoring points) _____ points

- List of elected and/or appointed officers for the current year
- Photograph of current President (5x7 or smaller - black or white). This is optional.
- List of Chairman or Committee appointments for current year.
- List of Department or National Officers or committee people from your Unit/District
- List of Department awards received at last year's convention.

This section is doubled-spaced.

III. Appearance (10 scoring points) _____ points

- Please use a blue binder or blue soft cover binder, preferably with an Auxiliary seal decal on the front. The regulation binder with imprinted seal sold by emblem sales is also acceptable.
- Text: Use 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial style font
- Paragraphs may be indented or in block form.
- Spacing
 - The introduction section is single-spaced. The Unit/District information and the other content is double-spaced
- Page setup
 - The introduction section is centered on the page.
 - The remaining material should have consistent margins throughout.
 - Page numbers are only on the narrative of your History.
 - Index is optional and is to be placed in the back of the book.

IV. Content (70 scoring points) _____ points

The ALA Missouri Unit/District annual history shall be written as a factual narrative beginning with the Installation of Officers for the current year and ending with the summary of end-of-year reports and closing events for this year.

- The History shall be written in third person.
- Use clear, concise language with correct spelling.
- Do not include computer graphics, pen and ink drawings, illustrations, extra material, newspaper clippings or other embellishments.
- You may include pictures placed in your History section only. This is optional. You are not required to use them or penalized for not using them. They should be used only to help tell the story of your Unit/District.
- Make sure that the History tells the story of your Unit/District. It is not about one person. It is about what your Unit/District has done this year.
- The typed name/title and written signature of the Unit/District Historian should immediately follow the final paragraph of the history.

Rules and Resolutions

Ruth Wiemann, Chairman

Excerpts were taken from The American Legion's, "How to Write a Resolution" and were placed in each District's mailbag at Fall Conference. If you have a resolution, send three copies to me at 4901 Hwy. KK, New Haven, MO 63068. The resolution will be considered by the appropriate people.

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